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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: "Anti-Terrorism Czar" - Foreign Aid Bill:
Conversations with Congressional Staff

1. During the week of May 13, 1985, I had several conversations with various Congressional staffers concerning the "anti-terrorism czar" provisions of the Foreign Aid Bill and the subject of terrorism generally as follows.

2. I discussed the subject with Gary Chase, Chief Counsel, Senate Select Committee on Intelligence (SSCI). I particularly inquired whether or not it was likely that the "anti-terrorism czar" provision of Section 407 of H.R. 1555, the House version of the Foreign Aid Bill, could be added to S. 960, the Senate Foreign Aid Bill. He indicated that the SSCI was considering holding general hearings on the subject of terrorism. In light of this, the SSCI was not likely to support a quick-fix approach to terrorism such as the "czar" approach of H.R. 1555.

3. This was confirmed in a subsequent conversation with Dan Finn, Minority Counsel, SSCI. Although Senator Leahy, Finn's sponsor, had made several public statements in relation to the recent alleged Lebanese counterterrorism incident, this did not mean that the Senator was interested in taking any precipitous action; it seemed more likely that he would want the SSCI to address the subject fully before any legislative solution was reached.

4. I spoke with Chip Andrea, staff assistant to Senator Lugar in his capacity as chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. Mr. Andrea had been assisting the Senator in his role as floor manager of S. 960 which was on the Senate floor during the week of May 13. I repeated my statement from some months ago that the Agency objected to anti-terrorism czar provisions and hoped that one would not come in through action on the floor. Mr. Andrea indicated that he did not expect an attempt to insert one, notwithstanding all the publicity on the Lebanese counterterrorism incident. He agreed to contact me, however, if he was facing the possibility of such a provision.

5. I then returned a call to this office from Bob Jenkins, Minority Staff, House Foreign Affairs Committee (HFAC). He stated that he was a member, with Bob Boyer of the Majority Staff, of a terrorism task force which had been established by the HFAC. The task force's interest in intelligence and terrorism had been stimulated by the Lebanese incident. He and Mr. Boyer, therefore, wanted to meet with someone from the Agency to "chat", not about the particulars of the Lebanese incident, but rather about: how the intelligence community is set up to deal with terrorism; how terrorism intelligence is disseminated; the role of the National Security Counsel; the entities which provide anti-terrorism training; and, how that training is done.

6. I politely noted that the HPSCI was this very week, receiving briefings on the Lebanese incident and, of course, had a jurisdictional interest in the matter. In view of their assertion of interest within an area of jurisdiction, I suggested that he first touch base with HPSCI before proceeding with the Agency. He concurred. I then put him in touch with Steve Berry, Minority Staff Director, HPSCI and subsequently alerted Berry that he would be receiving a call.

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